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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN WEEK-END SOVIET PRESS - JANUARY 18-19

1. SUMMARY. CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUES TO STRESS THE MILITARY ADVANCES BY THE MPLA FORCES AND REVERSES SUFFERED BY SAVIMBI'S UNITA, WHILE PRAVDA'S AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL WEEK THROWS COLD WATER ON THE IDEA OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. ALLEGED MILITARY ACTIVITY BY ZAIRE ALSO RECEIVES NEW ATTENTION. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK (JAN 18) DEVOTES

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CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO ANGOLA, BUT ESSENTIALLY REPEATS

POINTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE: E.G., ALMOST THE ENTIRE NORTHERN SECTION OF ANGOLA HAS BEEN "LIBERATED", THE U.S. PRESS IS TALKING ABOUT "THE COMPLETE COLLAPSE" OF THE FNLA, AND THE PRO-MPLA RESOLUTION AT THE OAU SUMMIT REPRESENTED A GENUINE MEANS FOR RESOLVING THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT. IN DISCUSSING THE ALTERNATE RESOLUTION, PRAVDA TAKES A TOUGH STAND AS IT AFFIRMS THERE IS NO "REALISTIC" BASIS FOR A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA, AND THAT SUCH AN IDEA IS "OBVIOUSLY THE PRODUCT OF PRESSURE FROM IMPERIALIST CIRCLES OF THE WEST"--I.E., THE U.S. PRAVDA ADDS THAT THE DEADLOCK AT ADDIS ABABA DEMONSTRATED THAT THE IMPERIALIST FORCES WERE UNABLE TO DICTATE THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA, AND THAT FOLLOWING THE OAU SUMMIT THE "PROGRESSIVE STATES OF AFRICA" WILL STAND EVEN MORE FIRMLY ON THE SIDE OF THE MPLA. PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM LUANDA THAT MILITARY FORCES OF ZAIRE-- PARTICULARLY THE AIR FORCE-- ARE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE SAGGING FNLA.

3. PRAVDA (JAN 19) EMPHASIZES THE ALLEGED MILITARY VICTORIES OF THE MPLA ON THE NORTHERN AS WELL AS SOUTHERN FRONTS, AND REPEATS THE REPORTS THAT ZAIRE IS ACTIVELY AIDING THE ANTI-MPLA GROUPS. PRAVDA ALSO CLAIMS THAT SAVIMBI, IN THE FACE OF REVERSES, HAS RECENTLY TURNED TO WESTERN COUNTRIES WITH REPEATED REQUESTS FOR HELP.

4. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (JAN 18) REPLAYS THE CHARGES RE ZAIRE, AND ADDS A REPORT FROM "L'AURORE" THAT ROBERTO HAS FLED TO KINSHASA. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ALSO CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR STORY THAT THE CIA CONTINUES TO SEND ARMS TO THE ANTI-MPLA GROUPS VIA WESTERN EUROPE. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPEATS THE STORY THAT SAVIMBI'S LOSSES HAVE FORCES HIM TO SEEK WESTERN SUPPORT.

5. COMMENT. PRAVDA'S REMARKS ON THE SUBJECT OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT REPRESENT THE FIRMEST PUBLIC REJECTION OF THIS IDEA WE HAVE YET SEEN. STOESSEL
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